

Extract from VE3AJ's Log

The following appeared in a copy of QST in the year 1923 or 1924 BTV (Before Television). At the time Frank Start - VE3AJ was signing simply as 3JE. Apparently the prefix "VE" was not yet in use.

Appearances were deceiving...

by Frank Start - VE3AJ

Canadian, 3OD (3 Oscar Delta) was arrested for bootlegging the other day. While returning home from 3JE's station late at night, he was accosted at a dark corner by a policeman, who wanted to know what was in the big black bag he was carrying.

"Rectifier jars," was the answer. But, the Officer understood not! 3OD was taken to the station and there was much explaining to do.

It was only after 3JE came down to the station and told how he had loaned the jars to 3OD that everyone was satisfied.

The jars referred to above were pint sized with alternate strips of aluminum and lead immersed in a borax solution. A dozen or so of these in series formed an H. V. rectifier for the poor man's source of H. V. D. C. when tube transmitters first started to replace spark.